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EAST GERMANYMILITARYSoviet and E.G.A. activity at GUESTROW

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E.G.A.

1. After the departure of the main body of E.G.A. troops from the PRIMERWALD camp, only a small permanent staff of roughly 50 officers and NCOs remain, under command of Capt. SCHAARSCHMIDT. There is also a civilian guard unit of approximately 500 strength. There are in addition roughly 80 German workmen employed in the camp.
2. The E.G.A. strength at the camp before troops were withdrawn was approximately 1000. The unit is expected to return, but has nothing to do with the administration of the camp.
3. The E.G.A. camp PRIMERWALD is inspected from time to time by a senior E.G.A. officer from SCHWERIN.

SOVIET ACTIVITY

4. Soviet manoeuvres are in progress in the area of PRIMERWALD. The roads from PRIMERBURG-GREMMELIN and from GREMMELIN to the cross-roads [] were closed to civilian traffic on 22 Jun 58. On 21 June single Russian soldiers with red flags were stationed at 100 metre intervals on the track running through the woods [] to near REINSHAGEN. Double sentries were posted at the branch tracks on this road.

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5. On 19 Jun 58 at 0900 hours a train was off-loaded [] The engine was pointing south. The following equipment was off-loaded:

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 - (a) 12 x TFM on M-1954 chassis. The vehicles were armoured, and had armoured plate shields with slits in front of the windscreens. The back had 6 port-holes, roughly 6-7 cms. in diameter, placed at equal intervals approximately half a metre beneath the roof. These port-holes also had folding shields.
 - (b) 12 x 85 mm. A.A.
 - (c) 6 x ZIS-151.

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6. On 24 Jun 58 at 1900 hours a train stood at GUESTROW station with the engine pointing towards KLUES, with a similar load as in para. 5 above.

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